

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 182

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A RESOLUTION to honor David Pickler of Shelby County upon his election as the 2013-14 President of the National School Board Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is David Pickler of Shelby County who has served since 1998 as a member of the Shelby County Board of Education, including twelve years as Board Chairman; and

WHEREAS, serving with distinction, dedication, and tremendous determination during his entire tenure, Mr. Pickler was recently elected to the office of President of the National School Board Association (NSBA) for 2013-14; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader among his peers statewide, David Pickler served as President of the Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) in 2009, as President-Elect in 2008, and as Treasurer in 2007; and

WHEREAS, distinguishing himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State, Mr. Pickler excelled at his various TSBA leadership positions, actively participating in legislative advocacy through the Tennessee Legislation Network and Federal Relations Network, serving on the Editorial Advisory Board, and serving as a member of the TSBA Ambassador Program; and

WHEREAS, designated a Master School Board Member, David Pickler has received the TSBA's Boardmanship Award Levels I, II, III, IV, and V in recognition of his exceptional boardmanship; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized for his leadership and commitment to continuing Tennessee School Board Association development and education as a charter member of TSBA's Scholar's Circle; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he received the Premier Ambassador Award in 2010 for his efforts in educating the public about public education and was chosen by his peers to the All Tennessee School Board in 2001 and again in 2007, when he was the recipient of the C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service Award recognizing him as the Tennessee School Board Member of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, David Pickler was elected to the National School Boards Association's Board of Directors as the Southern Region Representative; and in 2012, he was elected as NSBA's Secretary/Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pickler was honored with the National School Boards Association's Distinguished Service Award in 2002, 2005, 2009 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, David Pickler's philanthropic work is extensive and extraordinary, highlighted by the initiation and creation of the Shelby County Schools Education Foundation, which has provided more than \$1 million in financial support to public education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pickler has utilized his professional skills and acumen to benefit all TSBA members, negotiating the purchase of TSBA's new headquarters and leading the TSBA Capital Campaign, which raised more than \$100,000 to help defray construction and infrastructure costs; and

WHEREAS, the first Tennessean to hold the office of National School Board Association president since 1953, David Pickler has participated in and led countless local, state and national education meetings, representing TSBA and NSBA in outstanding fashion; and

WHEREAS, a Certified Financial Planner and attorney, Mr. Pickler earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Arkansas State University and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Pickler is a former chairman and member of the Board of Directors of the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf and has lent his time and talent to a variety of charitable and civic organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America and the Kiwanis District Foundation; and

WHEREAS, his numerous community and charitable initiatives and his unwavering personal and financial commitment to them have positively impacted the lives of children and families today and in the future; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, David Pickler has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow school board members and his community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend David Pickler for his meritorious service to the good people of Shelby County, congratulate him upon his election as 2013-14 President of the National School Board Association, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.